

*108th*

*ANNUAL REPORT*

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The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf  
and Blind Children

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SIR RODEN CUTLER  
V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B.E., PATRON

## **OFFICE-BEARERS, 1969**

### **PATRON:**

*HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES,  
SIR RODEN CUTLER, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B.E.*

### **Vice-Patrons:**

*Rear-Admiral Sir Leighton Bracegirdle, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.  
Anthony B. Bradfield, Esq. C. H. Chrismas, Esq., B.A. (recently deceased)*

### **President:**

*Sir William Walkley, C.B.E.*

### **Vice-Presidents:**

*His Honour the Right Honourable Sir Garfield Barwick, G.C.M.G.,  
Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia*

*M. A. Buckley, Esq.*

*J. D. L. Gaden, Esq.*

*D. B. Hunter, Esq., M.L.A.*

### **Hon. Treasurer:**

*V. C. Penzig, Esq.*

### **Hon. Secretary:**

*W. E. Hasemer, Esq.*

### **Directors:**

*Cavalier J. A. Bayutti*

*Lieut.-Col. G. E. Colvin, C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.*

*J. L. Cowie, Esq., F.C.I.S. (recently deceased)*

*M. Eisner, Esq.*

*F. Gregory-Roberts, Esq., M.B., Ch.M., F.R.A.C.S., D.O., D.O.M.S.*

*Major-General Sir Denzil Macarthur-Onslow, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.*

*Sir Charles Moses, C.B.E.*

*C. A. Reid, Esq.*

*F. W. Sutton, Esq.*

*S. G. Varvaressos, Esq.*

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## **LIFE GOVERNORS**

*R. J. Abercrombie, Esq.*

*(Representing the Bank of New South Wales)*

*G. W. E. Barraclough, Esq.*

*(Representing Unilever Australia Pty. Ltd.)*

*E. Farrar, Esq.*

*(Representing the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd.)*

*Sir Bernard Freeman, C.B.E.*

*Mrs. H. Hazelwood*

*L. J. Hooker, Esq.*

*K. O. Humphreys, Esq.*

*(Representing United Telecasters Sydney Limited)*

*Canon M. C. Newth*

*(Representing St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir School)*

*L. H. Peard, Jr.*

*(Representing United Telecasters Sydney Limited)*

*Mrs. W. J. Smith*

*F. W. Sutton, Esq.*

*S. G. Varvaressos, Esq.*

*Sir William Walkley, C.B.E.*



SIR WILLIAM WALKLEY, C.B.E., PRESIDENT



## HONORARY PROFESSIONAL STAFF

### Hon. Consulting Physician:

H. J. Emden Esq. MB, ChM, MACGP

### Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon

A. Gregory Roberts Esq. MB, ChM, FRACS, D.O., D.O.M.S.

### Hon. Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist:

B. P. Scrivener Esq. FRCS, FRACS  
D.L.O.

### Hon. Dermatologist

Miles Havyatt Esq., D.D.M., MRACGP

M. Haddy Esq. MB, BS, FRCS(Ed)

### Hon. Medical Officer:

Dr. Elizabeth R. Jane, MB, BS, DCH

### Hon. Dental Consultants and Inspectors:

G. J. H. Bachus Esq. S. M. Bennett Esq. M. M. Brodie Esq., G. D. Coveyduck, Esq.

J. F. Daley Esq. J. H. G. Greenwell Esq., K. E. Hunter, Esq. R. Phelps Esq.

A. L. Rigelsford Esq. A. Shaylor, Esq. D. B. Travis Esq.

### Hon. Solicitor:

R. M. Maclean Esq. B.A., LL.B.

### Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. A. W. Butterell Porter & Company

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Stanley Swaine, J.P.

### Superintendent Deaf School:

Miss Jean Walter,  
B.Ec., M.Ed., F.A.A.T.D.

### Assistant Chief Executive Officer:

Mr. Noel W. Melvin, J.P.

### Superintendent Blind School:

Mr. Keith W. Watkins,  
B.A., M.Ed.

### Operations and Public Relations Director:

Mr. Ken Doneghue, J.P.

### Co-ordinations Officer:

Mr. James T. Harris

### Accountant:

Mr. Gareth Lander, J.P.

Bursar: Mr. Dennis Plowman, A.A.S.A., J.P.

### Development Officer

Mrs. Marjorie Corby, J.P.

### Social Organizer:

Mrs. Barbara Ginnane

### Director of Clubs and Auxiliaries:

Mrs. L. M. Castine

### Art Union Promoter:

Mr. Alan E. Major

### Welfare Officer:

Miss Brenda Lloyd-Jones

### Publications Officer:

Mr. John Coulter

### Matron Deaf Children:

Matron M. A. Edminston

### Resident Nursing Sister:

Sister S. Stevens

### Matron Blind Children:

Matron M. Bourke

### Senior Resident Master Deaf Children:

Mr. Warren A. Brown,  
B.A., Dip. A.A.T.D., Dip. N.C.T.D.

### Senior Resident Master Blind Children:

Mr. P. J. Binns, Perkins Dip., T.D.I.B.  
Cert. T. of Deaf, L.A.A.T.D.

## NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

Administrator: Mr. Colin Stymen

## SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

### Principal:

Miss Jean Walter, B.Ec., M.Ed., F.A.A.T.D.

### Assistant Principal

Mr. Alan Dixon,  
Dip. A.A.T.D., Dip. N.C.T.D.

### Mistress Intents Department:

Miss Dorothy White  
M.A.A.T.D.

Deputy Mistress: Mrs. Patricia Eisler, Dip. N.C.T.D.

## SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

### Principal:

Mr. Keith W. Watkins, B.A., M.Ed.

### Assistant Principal:

Mr. T. A. Grunsell, B.A.

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ABOVE

Two young boys learn the mysteries of a tractor from one of the Supervisors.

BELOW

A tit-bit for "Fido". Like all children deaf kiddies love pets.







THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE INSTITUTION

will be held at the

Auditorium N.S.W. School for Blind Children  
Deaf and Blind Children's Centre  
North Rocks

on Thursday, 12th February, 1970, at 3.00 p.m.

In the Distinguished presence of His Excellency the  
Governor of New South Wales,  
Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B.E., and Lady Cutler

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In the Chair: Sir William Walkley, C.B.E., President

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**BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH**

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the 107th Annual General Meeting of the 9th December, 1968.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Directors and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1969.
3. (a) To elect the Office-bearers.  
(b) To elect Directors.  
(c) To appoint the Honorary Professional Staff.
4. To deal with business relevant to an Annual General Meeting as specified by the Act of Incorporation and the By-laws, Rules and Regulations made in pursuance thereof.

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**ABOVE**

*Weekend sight-seeing trips are a regular feature for the deaf children, thanks to the assistance of the Apex Clubs.*

**BELOW**

*Campbell, a deaf/blind child and his Supervisor enjoy a game with this giant cane ball.*



## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD TO THE 108th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

In a year of intensive effort and real achievement your Board has maintained its constant review of policies and planning with the objective of always remaining abreast if not ahead, of overseas development.

It has become increasingly apparent that the scope of those Institution activities removed from the areas of formal education need to be extended—that whilst maintaining its present activities there is an additional role to be accepted, a further task to fulfil.

The Report of the Directors which follows contains not only details of the year's work completed, but an outline of your Board's planning for future developments. I commend it to you

I thank my colleagues for a task performed with zeal and enthusiasm—qualities displayed in equal measure by the members of an energetic staff.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. G. Walkley', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

W. G. WALKLEY.

*President.*

Sydney.

2nd January, 1970.

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ABOVE

*Mrs. Burke, the Matron, fixes a grazed knee for this little blind boy in morning dispensary.*

BELOW

*The playground outside Varvaressos House is the scene of this playtime interlude for the tiny tots.*



## 108th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Board has pleasure in presenting hereunder an account of its stewardship of the affairs of this Royal Institution during its 108th year.

As considerable expansion of existing facilities is shortly envisaged, as well as inauguration of new services, the planning for accomplishment of these aims has exercised the minds of the Directors and of Management intensively so during the latter half of the year. The deliberations of special sub-committees established to deal with specific problems are almost completed and a successful outcome seems assured.

### **Finance:**

Reference to the items in the "Income and Expenditure Account" appearing on page twenty-five discloses that a record figure of income has been achieved. Endowments continued at a high level at \$109,000. Bearing in mind the additional services and commitments which the Board plans, it is encouraging to note that income from general sources reached a substantial \$378,000, enabling a transfer of an excess of income of \$110,000 to accumulated funds of the Institution. This was despite the escalation in operating costs largely brought about by substantial increases of almost 12½% in award wages occurring during the year. The increases in service to the children necessitated proportionate increases in staff, which again increased total salary charges. Additional child population also added to higher costs, as did increased prices of commodities generally.

Nevertheless, operational increases have been well contained

Income from all avenues has been well maintained. Receipts from general sources have risen steeply by 39.6%.

Almost one-third of this increase arises from a new item of income shown as Government Grants (both Federal and State) which accounts for an amount of \$31,000. We are grateful to a colleague, Mr. Stephen Varvaressos, for his munificent gift of \$50,000 included under the heading "Special Donations, Functions, etc."

Particular reference must be made at this appropriate juncture to another record effort by Committees and Lantern Clubs which sur-

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The "Postie" and the "Cowboy" are more camera conscious than most nature students.

BELOW

Caring for their babies is a serious business for these little "mothers".







raised the previous year by \$4,000. Thanks are due to Mr F. W. Sutton and his Art Union Committee, whose work brought gratifying results.

The excellent results achieved in the year's fund raising are reflected in the fact that Varvaressos House Deaf Nursery was built at the North Rocks Centre and the Castlereagh Street Head Office properly acquired during the year—with the Institution's own resources.

Further extensions planned for services to the children will involve the Institution in an estimated increase of expenditure during the current year, but your Directors are confident that continuing public support will enable the Institution to meet this cost.

### ***Vice-Regal:***

The continuing most helpful interest of the Institution's distinguished Patron His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler V.C. K.C.M.G., C.B.E., and of Lady Cutler, is a constant encouragement to the Directors and the staff and indeed to all concerned with the work of the Institution. Sincere appreciation is here recorded, and the hope expressed that His Excellency's and Lady Cutler's interest will long continue.

### ***The Deaf and Blind Children's Centre:***

Activities at the North Rocks Centre have been extended during the year.

The highlight of the year was the opening of Varvaressos House on 13th April, 1969, by the Hon. C. B. Cutler, M.L.A., New South Wales Minister for Education. This new adjunct to the Institution's Deaf School provides a Nursery Section for very young Deaf Children and extended facilities for the Institution's Parent Counselling Service. Directors desire to place on record most grateful appreciation to their colleague, Mr. Stephen Varvaressos, for his generous gift, which made this substantial capital expenditure possible. Thanks are also due to the Greek Young Matrons' Association for providing the furnishings.

During the latter half of the year your Board gave much consideration to an extension of the Parent Counselling Service and to the necessity for evolving some sound clinical guide lines to establish the most beneficial methods of educating deaf children. The fact that the public subscribe generously and regularly to the Institution's work imposes a responsibility upon the Directors to ensure that the moneys spent in furtherance of the children's formal education are spent wisely and that all educational activities, in whatever sphere, are of the highest possible modern standards. The Board has also made improvements in job placement for the children, which in past years has not been satisfactory, and has given special attention to the question of mobility training for the blind.

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*Familiarizing deaf/blind children with everyday creatures and objects is important in the curriculum.*

BELOW

*An obstacle race for blind boys and girls.*



In connection with these matters the Chief Executive Officer undertook at the Board's request, during his recent overseas holiday to make some enquiries and investigation. Following receipt of his report, Vice-President David Hunter M.L.A. and the Co-ordinations Officer Mr James Harris, are now in the United States and the United Kingdom in furtherance of the Board's research and planning.

Mr Thomas Beaton has recently joined the staff and will leave Sydney at an early date to undertake an intensive course of instruction in mobility training for the blind at the Midlands Blind Mobility Centre in the United Kingdom.

Your Board is still desirous of making available to Deaf/Blind Children from other States the same excellent facilities and services now established for dually handicapped New South Wales Children in the Deaf/Blind Unit at the Centre.

The Board has made facilities available to the Department of Education for practice teaching for those candidates training in the Department's Deaf/Blind programme at the New South Wales Teachers College. The Department has thus confirmed its offer to train teachers in this field.

The Board now awaits the approval of the Federal Government before proceeding with plans to build and equip a National Deaf/Blind Complex. Directors are advised that the Prime Minister and his newly appointed Minister for Education and Science, the Hon. Nigel Bowen, Q.C., M.P., are still examining the Board's submission made as far back as December, 1967.

Plans are also in hand to build and equip a new Science Laboratory and Braille Library as further additions to the Institution's Blind School Buildings Complex.

### ***New City Headquarters:***

In July, 1969, the Institution's city offices, committee rooms and boardroom were transferred to the freehold building acquired by the Board at 258-260 Castlereagh Street.

This move was foreshadowed in the Directors' last report to Members and, as then stated, has made for improved efficiency and an extension of services to the children, particularly by facilitating the establishment of a Welfare Department. Miss Lloyd-Jones, the Welfare Officer, joined the staff during the year and has already set up excellent relationships with the many parents whom she has visited at home and who have called upon her either at her Centre Office at North Rocks or at her office at Headquarters in the City.

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*A story in concentration—and in approval. Mr. W. Christenson, Director for the New Zealand Foundation for the Blind, Mr. J. C. Colligan, C.B.E., Director-General of England's Royal National Institute for the Blind, with Mr. D. Plowman, the Institution's Bursar.*

BELOW

*This trio of profoundly deaf children learn the importance of breath control.*



## **Publicity:**

The Public Relations and Publicity Sub Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Charles Moles continues to function and maintains its valuable contribution

In expressing appreciation to the gentlemen who give of their time as members of this Committee it is appropriate to acknowledge the tremendous co-operation and assistance derived from all media of publicity which have been most helpful and have done much to bring the work of the Institution regularly and frequently to the notice of the public.

## **Telethon:**

On Good Friday 4th April, 1969, United Telecasters generously conducted through their Channel Ten an eighteen-hour Telethon in aid of the Institution's funds. The public response was most generous and satisfying indeed to the Management and Staff of Channel Ten and to the Directors and Staff of the Institution as it well justified the intensive organisation and planning for this very busy day

To the Management of the Station, to the members of the Institution's Committees, to the telephonists of the P.M.G.'s Department, of the Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board, of the Main Roads Board and of the Sydney County Council, and to the many hundreds of other voluntary helpers, our sincere appreciation is recorded, and, especially to life member Mr. George McEncroe of Nationwide Catering, who generously provided all the meals for the hundreds of voluntary workers on the day

## **Appointment of Life Governors:**

During the year and as a fitting acknowledgment of their great contribution, the Board appointed Mr. K. O. Humphreys, Chairman of Directors, and Mr. Leslie Peard, Junior, Manager of United Telecasters, and a Director, Mr. Stephen Varvaressos, as Life Governors of the Institution. These were honours well deserved and the gentlemen concerned joined a select body, as there have only been twelve Life Governors appointed in the one hundred and eight years' history of this organisation.

## **Death of a Director:**

It is with profound regret that we record the death of Mr. J. L. Cowie, F.C.I.S., during the year. Mr. Cowie was appointed a Director of the Institution in 1954 and served with distinction and devotion.

The Board also records its regret in the passing of Mr. Charles H. Christmas, B.A., who was for many years a member of the Board, latterly as Vice-President, and who occupied the position of Vice-Patron of the institution during the last five years of his life.







## **Kindred Bodies:**

Your Directors are desirous of acknowledging with appreciation and thanks the helpful liaison which continues to exist between the Institution and kindred bodies in this field of endeavour, both in New South Wales, interstate and overseas. The year has been remarkable for the personal communication at management level between your Institution and overseas bodies, brought about by the visit to the United Kingdom and United States of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Swaine, by the attendance at the New Delhi Conference of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind of the Bursar, Mr. D. R. Plowman, and by the visits to Australia of the Executive Director of The Royal National Institute for the Blind, Mr. J. C. Colligan, C.B.E., Mr. Walter Christiansen, Director of the New Zealand Foundation for the Blind, and by Dr. Edward Waterhouse, Director of the Perkins Institute for the Blind, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Your Board entertained these overseas visitors and facilitated their inspections of the Centre at North Rocks. All expressed their gratification and their admiration of the standard of the work and facilities at the Centre.

## **Department of Education:**

The liaison existing between the Institution and the New South Wales Education Department continues as effectively as in the past. During the year Dr. Sir Harold Wyndham, C.B.E., M.A., Dip.Ed., relinquished the position of Director-General of Education, his successor being Mr. D. J. A. Verco, M.A., Dip.Ed. Your Board is appreciative of the helpful interest of Sir Harold over many years and looks forward to a continuation of the excellent working partnership with the new Director-General and with the senior officers of his staff.

## **Parents' Associations:**

The splendid support derived from both the Blind School Parents' Association and the Parents and Friends' Association of the Deaf School has been most appreciated and our thanks are tendered to the Associations' office bearers, particularly the two Presidents, Mr. Alwyn Innes of the Blind School Parents' Association and Mr. J. E. Slade of the Parents and Friends' Association of the Deaf School.

## **Street Appeals:**

Pen Day in the Metropolitan Area was held on the 22nd November, 1968, and the Apex Bath Tub Derby was conducted by the Association of Apex Clubs a week before the Telethon, on Saturday, 29th March, 1969. Both efforts were most successful and the most sincere appreciation is recorded to the Apex Clubs and to the students of St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir School, Meriden School for Girls, Metropolitan Business College, Queenswood School for Girls, Bankstown Girls High School,

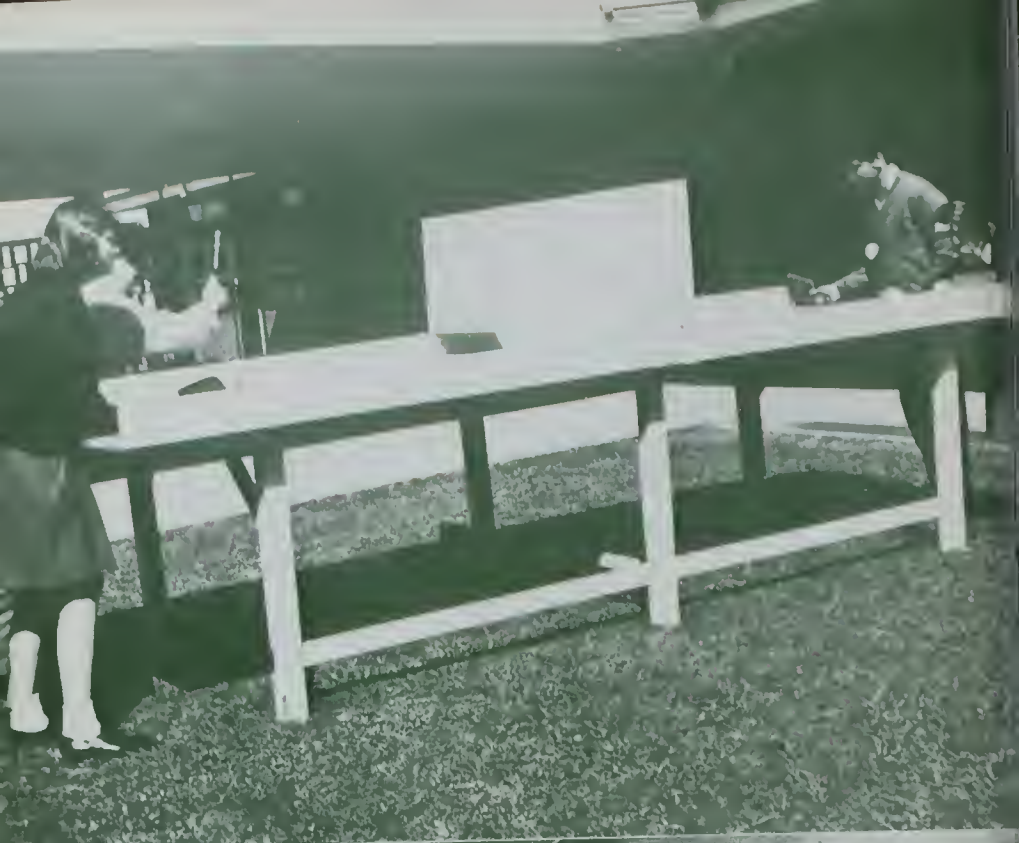
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"A spoonful of sugar" might help! The Institution's Nursing Sister officiates at "medicine time" in the surgery

BELOW

Cooking class for these deaf/blind boys. Again, emphasis is placed on familiarity with everyday objects.



St Catherine's Church of England School for Girls and Sacred Heart Convent School, for their excellent efforts on these days. Special mention must be made of St Andrew's Cathedral Choir School who once again surpassed their previous records, selling no less than \$3,802 worth of pens.

Appreciation is also recorded to the Goulburn High School, St Patrick's College, Goulburn, and the Presbyterian Ladies College, Goulburn, for their assistance on the Goulburn Appeal Day, and to the Tamworth Lantern Club for their valuable work on the Tamworth Pen Day.

### **Lantern Clubs:**

The Third Annual Conference of Lantern Clubs was held on 7th November, 1968. During the year under review there have been three new additions to the Lantern Club movement, clubs being formed at Springwood (Blue Mountains Lantern Club), Cessnock and Central Warringah. The efforts this year by the ladies of the Lantern Clubs raised over \$26,000. Your Board is grateful indeed for the work of these ladies, which benefits the children at the Centre in so many ways.

### **Committees and Auxiliaries:**

Again our thanks is expressed to the many Committees who worked throughout the year to assist the Institution. These are:—

The Golden Committee  
The Golden Committee Younger Set  
The Scottie Wives Committee  
The Newcastle Golden Light Committee  
The Newcastle Golden Light Younger Set  
The Belrose Younger Set  
The Goulburn Committee  
The Haywire Committee  
The Top Hat Committee  
The Abstract Committee  
The Killara Auxiliary  
The Pacesetters' Committee  
The Pathfinders' Auxiliary  
The St. Leonard's Auxiliary  
The Haberfield-Ashfield Auxiliary  
The Sunflower Committee  
The Greek Young Matrons' Association  
The Group  
The Topline Committee  
and the Lady Pathfinders Committee

the last five of which became active for the Institution for the first time during the year. Their efforts have borne excellent results and have

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*Keen competition is displayed by these blind children in a game of "swish".*

BELOW

*A blind student demonstrates skill as a seamstress.*



made a valuable and most substantial contribution to the Institution's work

### ***The Newcastle Branch:***

During the year the Newcastle Administrator Mrs Patricia McKenzie, relinquished office because of her forthcoming marriage. However, Pat now Mrs. Farquhar-Smith, remains an active member of the Golden Light Committee. A new Administrator, Mr. Colin Styman, was appointed and he has, during the few short months of his activity, assumed the responsibilities of office very creditably. To the Golden Light Committee under the presidency of Mrs. F. Romberg and to Dianne Coote, President of the Golden Light Younger Set and her members, appreciation is recorded, as it is to the Maitland Lantern Club and the Cessnock Lantern Club under the presidencies respectively of Mrs. F. Stein and Mrs. L. Jeffries, MBE

### ***Honorary Professional Staff:***

The Institution is grateful to those professional ladies and gentlemen who give much time in a voluntary capacity in the interest of the children. They continue to give unsparingly of their skills, and appreciation is recorded to Mr. R. M. McLean, B.A., LL.B., Honorary Solicitor, Messrs. A. W. Butterell Porter & Co., Honorary Auditors; Dr. H. J. Emder, M.B., Ch.M., M.A.C.G.P., Honorary Consulting Physician; Dr. F. Gregory-Roberts, M.B., Ch.M., F.R.A.C.S., D.O., D.O.M.S., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon; Dr. Barry Scrivener, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., D.L.O.; Dr. M. Halliday, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), Honorary Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists, who provide the Otological Service to the children; Dr. Miles Havyatt, D.D.M., M.R.A.C.P., Honorary Dermatologist; Dr. Elizabeth R. Jane, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., Honorary Medical Officer; and to Dr. John Banks, who has assisted. To Messrs. Backus, Bennett, Brodie, Daley, Greenwell, Hunter, Phelps, Rigelsford, Shayler and Travis, Honorary Dental Consultants and Inspectors, thanks also is recorded. And finally to Mr. Charles Summerhayes of Messrs. Summerhayes & Summerhayes, Architects, who though not an honorary appointee, freely gives much time indeed, both in an advisory and practical capacity.

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Directors,

W. G. WALKLEY, President.

W. E. HASEMER, Honorary Secretary.

Sydney,

15th January, 1970.

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Mr. J. D. L. Gaden, Vice-President of the Institution, presents a Life Governor's Plaque to Mr. K. O. Humphries, Chairman of the Board of Directors of United Telecasters. Plaques were also presented to Mr. L. Peard, Jnr., General Manager of Channel 10 (next to Mr. Humphries) and Mr. S. Varvareossos, a Director of the Institution (on Mr. Gaden's right).

Mr. Gaden expressed the Board's appreciation of the outstanding assistance given by these three gentlemen. His sentiments were echoed by Vice-President, Mr. M. A. Buckley (far left) and Mr. V. C. Penzig, the Honorary Treasurer (far right).

BELOW

"Happy as sand boys". Children at play in the deaf school nursery.







# THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

## Statement of Endowments Received, Income and Expenditure for the Twelve Months ended 30th September, 1969

EXPENDITURE	1969 \$	1968 \$	ENDOWMENTS RECEIVED	1969 \$	1968 \$
Advertising	399	795	Legacies	88,696	107,256
Agency Fees and Contract Staff	227	3,698	Profit on Realization of Investments Received as Legacies	46,009	2,669
Allowances—Uniforms and Entertaining	2,130	2,568			
Amenities—Children	1,486	759			
Audit Fees	800	1,000			
Accountancy Fees Special	370	950			
Depreciation	10,994	13,221			
Freight and Cartage	69	180			
Fuel and Light	15,272	15,395			
Groceries and Provisions	22,121	24,998			
Insurance	6,179	7,226			
Interest and Bank Charges	42	3,358			
Journal Production Costs	4,483	4,357			
Legal Expenses	3,987	1,794			
Life Membership Certificates	208	420			
Loss on Scrapped Partitions	—	803			
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	226	234			
Maintenance of Equipment	7,149	4,920			
Maintenance of Property	6,747	15,181			
Medical, Dental and Optical	366	818			
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,750	3,885			
Office Expenses	1,860	1,392			
Postage	4,547	3,084			
Printing and Stationery	10,609	8,559			
Provision for Long Service Leave	1,949	2,350			
Publicity and Public Relations	12,209	6,866			
Rent and Cleaning	9,414	8,824			
Salaries and Wages	179,514	210,787			
Sanitation and Cleaning	2,147	2,764			
School Requisites	1,945	1,659			
Staff Amenities	861	1,216			
Staff Superannuation	1,244	1,649			
Telephones	3,573	4,157			
Travelling Expenses—Local	8,284	8,525			
Travelling Expenses—Overseas	4,398	2,741			
Rates and Taxes	3,668	6,912			
Wages Delivery	181	402			
	331,398	377,763			
Balance transferred to Accumulated Funds and Endowments	75,259	110,311			
	\$406,657	\$488,074			
				\$406,657	\$488,074

### AUDITORS' REPORT

In our opinion the above Statement of Endowments Received, Income and Expenditure of The Royal New South Wales Institution for Deaf and Blind Children, has been properly drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the Endowments Received and of the Income and Expenditure of the Institution for the year ended 30th September, 1969

(Signed) A. W. BUTTERELL, PORTER & CO  
Chartered Accountants, Honorary Auditors

Registered under the Public Accountants Registration Act 1945 as amended  
SYDNEY, 13th January 1970.

### ABOVE

Although forever denied the opportunity to drive, blind children find great interest in familiarizing themselves with the mechanics of driving an automobile. This car was kindly donated by Sutton's Motors—with the engine removed, of course.

### BELOW

The recently established orchard in the grounds at North Rocks, provides an interesting hobby for the deaf students and the possibility of a future livelihood. Here a senior lad observes and participates.



## COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES, 1969

### The Golden Committee

*President Lady Barwick*  
*Vice-Presidents Mrs. E. Chauvel, O.B.E., Mrs. G. E. Colvin,*  
*Mrs. C. E. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. K. Cohen, Mrs. M. Eisner, Lady Moxham*  
*Deputy Chairwomen: Mrs. F. W. Sutton, Mrs. D. Graham*  
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### Belrose Younger Set Committee

*Chairman: Mr. D. Ryan*  
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*Mr. Michael Ryan, Miss Jan Russ*

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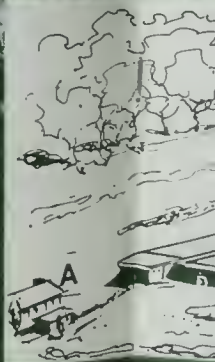
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- A. Residence of Superintendent of Blind Children.
- B. School for Blind Children.
- C. Trampoline for Blind Children.
- D. Blind Children's Residence

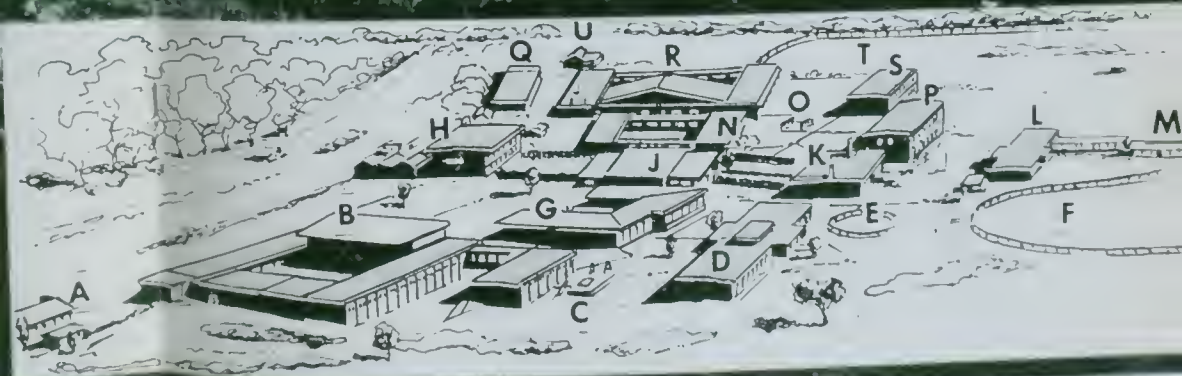
- E. Roller Skating Rink for Blind Children.
- F. Blind Children's Oval.
- G. School and Residence for Deaf/Blind Children.

- H. Administration Block (which includes Offices, Medical and Dental Surgeries and Senior Staff residence).

- J. Kitchen and Dining Room.
- K. Laundry and Linen Block.
- L. Domestic Staff Residence.
- M. Swimming Pool.







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r. Staff

J Kitchen and Dining Rooms  
K Laundry and Maintenance  
Block  
L Dormitory Staff Residence  
M Swimming Pool

N Deaf Nursery/Kindergarten  
and Residence.  
O Trampoline for Deaf Chil-  
dren  
P Senior Deaf Girls' Resi-  
dence

O Varveressos House (Par-  
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sery School for Deaf  
Children)  
R Main Deaf School

S Senior Deaf Boys Resi-  
dence  
T Deaf Children's Oval  
U Residence of Bursar





## COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES — continued

### Top Hat Committee

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*Asst. Honorary Secretary: Miss L. Derwent*  
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*President: Graeme Skarratt*  
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*Honorary Treasurer: Mr. N. Nicholson*

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*President: Mrs. F. Romberg*  
*Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. Peschar, Mrs. W. Steggles*  
*Honorary Secretaries: Mrs. M. Rodgers, Mrs. D. Marshall*  
*Honorary Treasurers: Mrs. B. Stronach, Mrs. J. Macanish*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. D. Marshall*

### Newcastle Golden Light Younger Set

*President: Dianne Coote*  
*Vice-Presidents: Bruce Benson, Robert Jackson*  
*Honorary Secretary: Narelle Westacott*  
*Asst. Honorary Secretary: Cathy Appel*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Ian Shepherd*  
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## COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES — continued

### Lady Pathfinders Committee

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*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. N. Mikkelsen*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mrs J. Fulton*

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*President: Mr. W. Shillingford*  
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*Honorary Secretary: Miss S. Lewis*  
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### Haberfield-Ashfield-Summer Hill Auxiliary

*President-Honorary Secretary: Mrs L. Gambell*

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*President: Mr. Graham Wills*  
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*Secretary: Miss Sharon Kaye*  
*Treasurer: Mr. Norman Short*

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*President: Miss S. Small*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mr. J. Poole*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mr. G. Patten*

### Topline Committee

*President. Mr. W. King*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. M. Davidson*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mr. R. Wood*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. T. Thompson*  
*Social Secretary: Mrs. J. White*

### Ashfield Lantern Club

*President: Mrs. H. Shuttleworth*  
*Vice-Presidents: Mrs T. Parry, Mrs. D. Coates*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. J. Wright*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. R. Powell*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. D. Coates*  
*Social Secretary: Mrs. J. Wright*

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Unlike some little boys, this blind child obviously enjoys his bath.

BELOW

This giant-sized globe of the world is especially designed to help blind children in their geography lessons.



## COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES — continued

### Auburn Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. J. Johnstone  
*Vice-Presidents* Mrs. M. Hepplewhite, Mrs. E. Jones  
*Honorary Secretary* Mrs. D. Paine  
*Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. G. Manson

### Blue Mountains Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. W. Paul  
*Vice-Presidents* Ald. V. Rose, Mrs. D. Gardner  
*Honorary Secretary* Mrs. J. Dennett  
*Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. B. Brandley  
*Publicity Officer* Mrs. P. McGregor

### Canberra/Queanbeyan Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. T. Quintan  
*Vice-Presidents* Mrs. I. Lachland, Mrs. N. Garvey  
*Honorary Secretary* Mrs. J. Rhind  
*Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. G. Virtue  
*Publicity Officer* Mrs. H. Douglas

### Central Warringah Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. C. Huntingdon  
*Vice-Presidents* Mrs. D. Lilley, Mrs. M. Smith  
*Honorary Secretary* Mrs. A. Bartlett  
*Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. I. Masters  
*Publicity Officer* Mrs. D. Mangan

### Cessnock and District Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. L. Jeffries, M.B.E.  
*Vice-Presidents* Mrs. N. Miles, Mrs. E. Penfold  
*Secretary* Miss Lesley Maxwell  
*Joint Treasurers* Mrs. Dorothy Chick, Mrs. Dorothy Smith

### Cronulla Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. F. Walstow  
*Vice-Presidents* Mrs. R. Gray, Mrs. J. Moller  
*Honorary Secretary* Mrs. J. Maloul  
*Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. E. Lumb  
*Publicity Officer* Mrs. P. Warr  
*Social Secretary* Mrs. L. Woodford

### Grafton Lantern Club

*President* Mrs. J. Street  
*Vice-Presidents* Mrs. N. Irwin, Mrs. P. Judd, Mrs. I. Page, Mrs. H. Korff,  
Mrs. H. Greenaway  
*Honorary Secretary* Mrs. R. Thew  
*Asst. Honorary Secretary* Mrs. M. Sinfield  
*Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. A. Donnelly  
*Asst. Honorary Treasurer* Mrs. N. Howard  
*Publicity Officer* Mrs. E. Greening

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Admiring the costume of Miss Robyn Plunkett, a programme seller at the Gala Premiere of "The Lion in Winter" at the Century Theatre on 20th August are:— Mr. E. Oavis, Managing Director of 20th Century Fox (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., and Mrs. Oavis, The Right Honorable Sir Garfield Barwick, Vice-President of the Institution, Mrs. Elsa Chauvel, O.B.E., and Lady Barwick, President of the Golden Committee.

#### BELOW

This happy group of deaf kiddies enjoy themselves on the playground equipment during playtime.





## COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES — continued

### Maitland Lantern Club

*President Mrs. F. Stein*  
*Vice-Presidents Mrs. A. Crothers, Mrs. W. Quayle*  
*Honorary Secretary, Mrs. P. Wills*  
*Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. A. Wood*  
*Raffle Secretary, Mrs. W. Quayle*  
*Publicity Officer, Mrs. S. Tapner*

### Manly Lantern Club

*President, Mrs. C. Tassell*  
*Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. Hatton, Mrs. M. Peachey*  
*Honorary Secretary, Mrs. M. Hughes*  
*Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. K. Geary*  
*Publicity Officers, Mrs. C. Tassell, Mrs. M. Hughes*

### Mosman Lantern Club

*President, Mrs. E. Hart*  
*Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. Berge Phillips, Mrs. J. Fair*  
*Honorary Secretary, Miss D. Malcolm*  
*Asst. Honorary Secretary, Mrs. F. Bradridge*  
*Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. A. Mitchell*  
*Asst. Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. E. Henderson*  
*Publicity Officer, Mrs. C. Stone*

### Parramatta Lantern Club

*President, Mrs. G. Adcock*  
*Vice-Presidents, Dr. P. Banks, Mrs. R. W. van Nooten*  
*Honorary Secretary, Mrs. A. Boswell*  
*Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. E. Davis*  
*Publicity Officer, Mrs. G. Somerville*

### Pittwater Peninsula Lantern Club

*President, Mrs. A. Johnson*  
*Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. Sims, Mrs. L. Smith*  
*Honorary Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Heath*  
*Asst. Honorary Secretary, Mrs. W. Fraser*  
*Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. A. Webster*

### Randwick Lantern Club

*President, Mrs. V. Phillips*  
*Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. Virgona, Mrs. J. Murphy*  
*Honorary Secretary, Mrs. A. De Luca*  
*Asst. Honorary Secretary, Mrs. J. Lo Blanco*  
*Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. J. Davis*  
*Asst. Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. I. De Luca*  
*Publicity Officer, Mrs. J. Davis*

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#### ABOVE

Margaret, a deaf/blind girl, receives instruction through the "Tadoma" method, from a Resident Master of the Blind School.

#### BELOW

In the recreation room of the Senior Deaf Residence, these boys and girls relax over games of chess and draughts



## COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES — continued

### Ryde Lantern Club

*President: Mrs. K. Archbold*  
*Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. S. McNamara, Mrs. S. Emery*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. J. Coleman*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. M. Lardelli*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. S. Emery*

### Strathfield Lantern Club

*President: Mrs. H. Pickett*  
*Vice-Presidents: Mrs. R. O'Neill, Mrs. H. Ford*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. J. Leigo*  
*Asst. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. R. King*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. T. Palmer*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. F. Wilson*

### Tamworth and District Lantern Club

*President: Mr. S. Evans*  
*Vice-Presidents: Mr. B. A. Maunder, Mr. L. H. Newberry*  
*Honorary Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. R. Unicombe*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. G. Jeffries*

### Upper North Shore Lantern Club

*President: Mrs. H. Harris-Thompson*  
*Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. Cribb, Mrs. A. Shenstone*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. R. Boydell*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Miss T. Harival*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. J. Logan*

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*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. J. Piperno*  
*Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. H. Foster*  
*Publicity Officer: Mrs. S. Ault*

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*President: Mrs. R. W. van Nooten*  
*Vice-President: Mrs. W. Berge Phillips*  
*Honorary Secretary: Mrs. L. Castine*

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Blowing on a feather is one of the many methods used to improve breath control in children, who are acquiring speech.

#### BELOW

Deaf children are taught to drive in this special dual controlled car. Cleaning is not their favourite pastime, however these girls tackle the task willingly.







## LIFE MEMBERS APPOINTED DURING 1969

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Mr J F Barter	Mr T Joseph
Mr R L Bellamy	Miss S. Kaye
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Mr. A. Gemenis	Mr. H. Stacey
Mr. R. Grundy	Master G. Stephen
Miss M. Hallam	Mr. L. Tenukest
Mrs. H. Heath	Master W. Truepenny
Miss M. Hitchcock	Mr. G. Wallace
	Master T. Whitehouse



### ABOVE

Although they cannot see television, blind children derive much enjoyment from the dialogue and music of their favourite programmes.

### BELOW

The playground equipment in the Kindergarten gets plenty of use by the young blind children



# ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE N.S.W. SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN, 1969

Mr President and Gentlemen,

With the prevailing philosophy of education as growth in a social setting, the school has continued to develop as a living community over the past twelve months. The educational provision has been planned in accordance with the guiding principle that the blind child is first and foremost a child. At the same time, such provision has been designed in relation to the special needs of the pupils.

Enrolments have increased, the total school population being 65, with 12 of these in the Deaf/Blind Unit. Of the total, 39 are boys and 26 girls. It is anticipated that the coming year will bring a sharp increase in enrolments with up to 16 deaf/blind children to commence their schooling.

With regard to future staffing, the most significant development this year has been the introduction by the Department of Education of the Course for Teachers of Deaf/Blind Children. This is a full-time course of twelve months, the programme being provided jointly by Sydney Teachers' College and the school. At the school the following areas are covered: lectures and seminars on the education of blind and deaf/blind children; demonstrations, practical work and practice teaching with blind and deaf/blind children; associated professional reading. In addition, trainees undertake the theory and practice of the Course for Teachers of the Deaf at the College. Having eight teachers training, the course is the second largest in the world for teachers of deaf/blind children, the Perkins School for Blind being the leader in this field.

Motivated by the desire to provide as much first-hand experience of the world as possible and having readily available transport in the Institution's small buses, various educational excursions and outings have either been undertaken or planned for the end of the year. Included here are the following: excursions by deaf/blind children to the Royal Easter Show, Central Railway Station, Hyde Park and Har-bour; excursions by the blind children to Taronga Park Zoo, Water Hydraulics Laboratory and Garden Island Naval Base; National Fitness Camp at Narrabeen Lakes; Parents' Association Picnic at Lane Cove; Veteran Car Club of Australia outing; QANTAS flight.

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On the 29th March, Apex Clubs in the metropolitan area staged their "Bathtub Derby", to raise money for the Institution.

BELOW

An achievement indeed! The camera catches Michael, a senior deaf/blind boy, clearing the high-jump during sports day.





The House Sports were held again this year, the shield being won by Cook, which also won the Swimming Carnival. As in past years a very successful Combined Sports Day with St. Lucy's and St. Edmund's was held on the school oval. In the City of Sydney Eisteddfod 23 placings and highly commended awards were gained, while Bruce Maguire was again awarded the Woolworth's Scholarship for the highest aggregate.

For many years full secondary education has been the goal for all students with the necessary abilities and aptitudes. One student gained the School Certificate in 1968 and has remained at the school this year in order to prepare for placement in a regular Secondary School next year for the Higher School Certificate. Two students will present themselves for the School Certificate this year and we trust that they will be successful. Instrumental music continues to be an important feature of the school programme and very pleasing results were gained at the annual examinations of the Australian Music Examinations Board. Three honours and four credits were awarded for pianoforte, while awards for the descant recorder were two honours and two credits.

The Parent Counselling Service continues to bring valuable assistance to pre-school children and their parents. Responsibilities of the parent counsellor range through parent counselling, both individually and in group discussion, and pre-school training both at the school and in the home situation. Also, with the great distances involved, a correspondence system has been developed for: parent counselling in the case of blind children; parent counselling and lessons in the case of deaf/blind children.

It is anticipated that in the near future most significant advances will be made with regard to further education and vocational assessment. Suggestions have been made for a gradual development of pre-vocational and vocational training for school leavers. Closely related to this field is the proposal for development of a full Science programme as part of the secondary curriculum, this subject providing blind students with the all-important knowledge of their objective world as well as providing background and experience needed for training in computer programming, physiotherapy and light engineering.

General medical attention has, as usual, been readily available through Dr. E. Jane, while Dr. F. Gregory-Roberts has continued to provide specialist eye attention. The Honorary Dental Panel has continued to give regular, free dental treatment and some children have been provided with specialist care for the ears through Dr. B. P. Scrivener.

The Seventh Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Teachers of the Blind was held at the school from Wednesday, 17th December, to Tuesday, 23rd December. Noted overseas specialists, in particular Mr. S. O. Myers, Principal of Condoover School for Blind with Additional Handicaps, England, presented papers and led seminars.

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Perfect co-ordination is evident from these two blind boys during a gymnastic display.

BELOW

The senior deaf children on the right are the "shopkeepers" and those on the left are the "customers" in the tuckshop. Their purchases are being recorded by their Resident Master, Mr. Warren Brown, B.A., Dip. A.A.T.D., Dip. N.C.T.D.





Included in the Conference was a Deaf/Blind Regional Workshop, the first in this part of the world. Full board and accommodation was made available by courtesy of the Institution.

As in past years various organisations and educational authorities have had groups visit the school in order to observe facilities and the programme provided. Such parties have shown great interest and enthusiasm and we trust that the experience has been worthwhile.

The staff, both School and Residential, has continued to display a very high degree of flexibility, energy and enthusiasm. Members deserve much praise and thanks for their attitude and skill in meeting the great variety of problems and challenges encountered.

To the Board of Directors and the Executive Staff of the Institution, once again, my sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for their continued interest and effort in providing a wealth of facilities and services without which the school community would be limited in its development.

Yours faithfully,

KEITH W. WATKINS, B.A., M.Ed.  
(Principal/ Superintendent).



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*The Institution's Honorary Secretary, Mr. Welter Hasemer, accepts a cheque for \$3,200 from members of the Greek Young Matrons Association. From left, Mrs. A. Giorgiedis, Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. K. Stelf, President, and Mrs. J. Harris, Treasurer. This donation provided the furnishings and equipment in the nursery of the new Varveressos House.*

BELOW

*Mr. D. Plowmen, A.A.S.A., Bursar of the Institution, at the Fourth Assembly of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind at New Dehli, India, in October. Dr. Edward Waterhouse, of the Perkins School for the Blind, U.S.A., is shown in earnest conversation with Mr. Plowmen.*



# ANNUAL REPORT

*by the Superintendent*

## THE N.S.W. SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN

The major development for 1969 has been the opening of Varvaressos House for our "under-fives". This is an example of the co-operative effort to which the whole of our N.S.W. School for Deaf Children owes its existence. Our Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children was responsible for the building, which consists of five Nursery classrooms, a separate room for rhythmic work, storerooms and toilet areas, a new teachers' staff room, and a separate playground as well as a Pre-School Parent Counselling Service Suite. The State Government provided the five Nursery teachers and the cleaner to staff the building, installed the heating and provided furniture and Nursery equipment. The Association of Parents and Friends of Deaf Children also gave play equipment and Rydalmere Rotary Club donated an auditory trainer for each classroom. The Pre-School Parent Counselling Service is staffed and maintained by the Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children. Under our Pre-School Parent Counsellor, Mrs. Joy Parkhill, who is a qualified and experienced teacher of the deaf, a continuous service has been provided for all parents desiring it. Weekly appointments are available, and from those parents who live in country areas of N.S.W. there has been an increasing demand for the Pre-School Parent Counselling Service Correspondence Course. This Correspondence Course is also available to parents of pre-school deaf children in other parts of Australia and its Territories, and again this year there have been increased requests for the Correspondence Course from outside N.S.W. A translation into French has been made possible through the generous help of the Alliance Française and our Correspondence Course is now available to residents of French territories in the Pacific.

In discussing Varvaressos House I have shown the way in which the Royal Institution, the N.S.W. Department of Education, The Association of Parents and Friends of Deaf Children, and other organisations work together. This is true throughout all aspects of our school activities. The Commonwealth Department of Health helps in two ways: the staff of the Commonwealth Acoustic Laboratory visit the school weekly to check individual hearing aids, and through the Approved Handicapped Persons scheme the boarders in our school are subsidised. Apex Clubs have helped through providing driving service and through donating equipment, particularly visible speech equipment. In the design and selection of some of this equipment we have had the assistance of

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*Dr. Edward Waterhouse, Director of the Perkins School for the Blind, U.S.A., where the famous Helen Keller was educated, meets a deaf/blind pupil during his August visit to the Centre.*

BELOW

*Blind boys and girls mounted on a variety of vehicles, line up for a race in their auditorium.*





Professor A. Delbridge and the staff of his laboratory in the School of English at Macquarie University, in particular for the introduction of the Pitch Curve Tracer into our teaching programme. Rotary groups continue to give both equipment and service. A new Rotary venture this year has been the combined effort of Rotary Clubs in the Newcastle, Gosford and Sydney areas to drive boarding pupils to and from their homes one weekend a month. This has been very beneficial to the eleven boarders from Newcastle-Gosford districts: in some cases this has meant an extra visit home, in others it has saved the parents two return trips in order to take the children home each of these weekends. Many of our boarders are helped by the voluntary workers of the Girl Guide and Boy Scout movements, and of the North Rocks Junior Soccer Club, of which they are members. Other boarders belong to the Junior Red Cross. Parishioners of St. Gerard's, Carlingford, come to drive Catholic children to mass and six trained teachers of the deaf come in regularly to take Protestant children for Sunday School. Preparatory to leaving school our pupils have the guidance of the officers of the Commonwealth Employment Service and The Adult Deaf Society.

Outside the school site our pupils have had camping experiences through the Scouts, Cubs and Guides and the National Fitness Camp at Narrabeen. They have also participated and won places, in local activities including district sports and swimming carnivals and art competitions.

The total number of pupils on the school roll rose to 194 this year. Of these 99 are boarders and it is for these pupils that our Royal Institution does so much. A staff of 16 Child Care Supervisors, in addition to dining room staff, has been maintained in the residence throughout the year to look after the boarders. As well as this staff there are, of course, the Secretarial, Nursing and Resident Teaching staff. The new Secretary this year is Mrs. Joan Fraser. Matron Walker left for overseas this year and Sister Desmond left to be married. We have as our new Matron, Mrs. Mildred Edmiston, who is a double certificated Nursing Sister, and as our new Nursing Sister, Miss Susan Stevens, who trained at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. An extra appointment has been the relieving sister, Sister Mathias, to work the days when Sister Stevens is off duty.

Trained teachers of the deaf on the resident staff are myself as Superintendent, Mr. Warren Brown, our Resident Master, Miss Barbara Cocks, our Resident Mistress, and Mr. Keith Southwell, our Resident Tutor. Other teachers are employed by our Royal Institution to take children for sport, library, hobbies and practical classes after school. This staffing has made possible the gradual introduction of a policy of having the boarders handled in very small groups of from four pupils for some activities to nine pupils for other activities. The VW Kombi bus which our Royal Institution provides for the deaf children is used for many outings, while other groups make use of the local bus service, Parramatta-Becroft, which passes our school. Children go further afield.

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*Spoon feeding the "baby" is a serious business for this deaf boy in his role as "make-believe father".*



too, to other shopping centres, to the city, to Koala Park, and so on. All boarders go out somewhere each weekend, and frequently during the week as well, and much of this travel is on public transport to train the children to use public transport. The provision of a dual control Holden Torana has made driver education possible for boarders after school under the tuition of Mr. Garth Smith, a trained teacher of the deaf.

To the Honorary Medical Officers, to the Honorary Dental panel, and to the many, many other voluntary helpers we convey our sincere thanks.

The N.S.W. School for Deaf Children has had 109 years of proud history in the education of deaf children. Each year we hope that the number of children needing such special education will be less, but unfortunately there has been a rise not a decrease in deafness. Until medical advances reduce the incidence of deafness this school will continue to strive to give the best education possible for children profoundly deaf from birth.

Yours faithfully,

JEAN WALTER, B.Ec., M.Ed., F.A.A.T.D.,  
Principal/Supintendent.



## WILL YOU HELP ?

### PERHAPS YOU ARE A POTENTIAL EMPLOYER

Blind Children and Deaf Children have long been considered a risk in employment. This idea is held today only by those who do not understand.

It is gradually but surely being borne in upon industrial and commercial management, particularly upon those who care to investigate, that the blind and the deaf are as efficient in, and often bring more concentration to, their work than the average person blessed with sight and hearing.

Their touch is surer, their sense of safety greater and their powers of concentration more pronounced. Their initial training is expert. They are not a risk. Contrary to popular belief, the blind and the deaf are not compensated by extra-sensory powers; they are taught to make full and complete use of each of their faculties, far more than we who have available the use of all of our five senses.

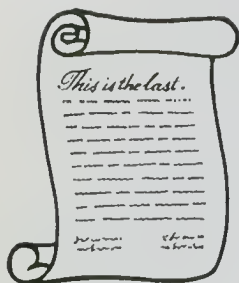
Recently a special Sub-Committee has been established to assist in the placement of school leavers from both schools and to enable potential employers to assess the value of our school leavers to them as members of their staff. If you are a prospective employer you may be able to help by placing one of our school leavers. If so you are kindly requested to contact Miss Brenda Lloyd-Jones, the Institution's Welfare Officer, on telephone 26-2105.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Space unfortunately will not permit that we individually acknowledge the many gifts and donations, both in cash and in kind, made by a generous public during the last twelve months.

For the substantial support and unflagging interest of so many people over a long period the Institution is most grateful and would publicly make acknowledgment and record appreciation of the valuable help without which the essential work of the Institution could not continue.





## WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY

*The institution is indebted to those public minded citizens who, being mindful of the importance of this work, have seen fit to remember the Institution in their wills. This remembrance has been of inestimable value in enabling the Board of the Institution to provide the capital funds for extending the buildings and equipment and thus extending the facilities for the children.*

### BEQUEST

#### FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ROYAL N.S.W. INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

I give and bequeath unto The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children the sum of (\$ ) free of Death Duty and Federal Estate Duty to be applied for the purposes of the said Institution in such manner and at such times as the Board of Directors thereof may from time to time determine and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Institution shall be a complete discharge to my Executors for the moneys paid in accordance with this bequest.

The following is the proper attestation to a Will:—

Signed by the above-named testator as and for his last Will in our presence who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses } Signature and Addresses

Note: The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children is a body corporate constituted under an Act of Parliament of the State of New South Wales. It is governed and managed by a Board of Directors. The treasurer is a member of the Board.

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### DONATION

Honorary Treasurer,

The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children,  
258 Castlereagh Street, SYDNEY, 2000.

I/We\* enclose my/our\* cheque for \$ as a contribution to the work of The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children.

Date

NAME

ADDRESS

\*Please delete words not desired.

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